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When Weather Attacks

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With threat of Hurricane Hermine behind us, it is important to remember the damage that can be caused by hurricanes. Many students who attend Saint Leo have never experienced a hurricane as they either live out of state or out of country where the risk of a potential hurricane is much lower. As such, there are many students who may be unsure as to what precautions to take in order to keep themselves safe during a hurricane.

"We constantly track storms using the weather station we have on campus," said Jose Caban, Director of Plant Operations.

With the abilities of current technology, hurricanes can often be tracked for several days and warnings will be issued through Campus Safety. Saint Leo University believes it is in the best interest of students who live close enough to campus to return home in the case of a hurricane warning. For those who cannot return to their homes or families at such a point in time, Saint Leo has several emergency procedures that will go into effect.

Initially, information regarding the severity and required actions will be distributed via the main University web page, displayed on flyers posted centrally in all residence halls, sent to student's campus email, and provided to RA staff. Depending on the severity of the storm, a "shelter-in-place" warning may be issued. In this case, students will be required to move to a designated location with regards to their current housing assignment. These make-shift shelters will be operated by student services and will provide food in limited quantities so as to outlast the storm if need be.

Hurricane watches are warnings issued when a hurricane is considered to be a possible threat to impact the area within the following 24 hours. Once a hurricane watch is in place, students departing campus must check out with their RA and inform them as to with whom they will be staying as well as contact information. Additionally, students departing campus must prepare their rooms by following a set of guidelines provided by their RA.

In the case of a minor hurricane or indirect hit, students who need to relocate due to remaining on campus will need to adhere to the following assignments: students in Marmion, Snyder, Henderson, and Benoit will remain in their respective residence halls; students in the Roderick and Alumni residence halls will relocate to Apartment 6; students in Apartment 2, as well as students who reside on East Campus will relocate to Apartment 1; students in Apartment 3 will relocate to Apartment 4; and finally, students in Apartment 5 will relocate to Apartment 6.

In the case of a rated hurricane, designated as categories one through five, students would be relocated to one of three buildings for their safety. Students would be asked to take shelter in Lewis Hall, the Marion Bowman Activities Center, and Saint Edward's Hall as these buildings are made of poured concrete in order to withstand severe weather.

Photo by Dakota Schwalbach

"Lewis Hall is a fortress," said Caban.

When relocating to a hurricane shelter, it is important to remember that they are not designed for the comfort of occupants, but rather their safety. Only the basic amenities will be available to students, and great care must be taken to avoid wastage.

"Saint Leo is set up to function using a series of wells, so we will always have water," said Caban. "The campus is also equipped with two main generators to power lights and other amenities to select buildings during a hurricane."

When relocating to a temporary shelter, students should pack only what is necessary such as a pillow, blanket or sleeping bag, an extra pair of glasses or contacts, cards, board games, books, a flashlight with fresh batteries, a form of identification, enough cash to last for two weeks, toiletries, sweatshirts, snacks, a music player with headset, bottled water, and a cell phone. It should be noted that cigarettes, alcohol, and any device that is required to be plugged in for operation will not be allowed into a temporary shelter.

Once the hurricane has passed, it is important for residents of the shelter to remain indoors until the "all clear" is declared by an authorized University official. Students should be careful to stay away from downed power lines; even though the power may be off in the local area, there is a chance the line may still be "live" and has the potential to cause serious injury or death. Students should not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency; instead they should call the campus safety number that can be found around campus. Damages and utility interruptions should be reported to Residence Life, and students should avoid drinking tap water after a hurricane until they are instructed that it is safe to do so.

When asked about their knowledge of the emergency plans put in place by the University in case of hurricanes, most students were unaware of the details of the plan. Riche Deleveaux, a sophomore biology major, said, "I am sure that the school should have plans like that, but I have never seen them."

However, much of this information, and more, can be found through the Saint Leo University main web site and should be available as a printed packet from the Residence Life office. So, get informed and be prepared.

Photo by Dakota Schwalbach

The Marion Bowman Center is named after the late Father Marion Bowman, whose staute was erected in front of the building last semester.

Editorial

Should the U.S. Involve Itself in Foreign Conflicts?

By Brian Cerosky
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The United States currently employs over 1.3 million active military personnel with over 800,000 in reserves. According to data collected by Time Magazine, over 150,000 personnel are stationed overseas in over 800 military bases in more than 150 countries around the globe. This means that the United States' military is involved in 76% of the world's nations in some way. One has to wonder what this network of military infrastructure and resources hopes to achieve, and perhaps whether or not the goals of the federal government in this regard are in the best interest of the public at large.

In recent years, there has been an outcry by a minority of Americans who feel that the vastness of the military is draining resources that would otherwise be more useful elsewhere. These Americans also believe that many servicemen and women's lives are being placed in potential danger by being stationed in lands that could be life-threatening, such as Iraq and Afghanistan. Additionally, many of these people feel that it is more productive for the military to be "protecting the borders" by stationing active military personnel along the Mexican and Canadian borders. This is most likely to deter immigration and nefarious acts committed by crime organizations. Putting it simply, this minority has called for a return to times similar to that of pre-World War II. During this time, the public was very much against the idea of intervening in conflicts and developments overseas in an effort to build up and strengthen the home nation instead.

So, what are the goals behind the United States' spread of military power around the globe? Firstly, the United States has economic and diplomatic interests in all 150 countries currently housing U.S. military personnel. The vast majority of nations with U.S. military personnel and bases are tasked with training the police and military force of the host nation. This serves as an effort to strengthen the civil and international defense of the country, which overall improves stability of the host country's government. Subsequently, a stable and friendly country towards the United States is more willing to trade and offer support in times of conflict in the region. Additionally, it would enable the U.S. to project its ideology in order to develop capitalistic and democratic societies around the globe.

Secondly, the United States has flagged specific countries as nations within regions of strategic importance. These nations include Japan, South Korea, Spain, Germany, Kuwait, and Italy. These nations make up nearly 70% of all U.S. military personnel deployed overseas. They are important because they are either a huge economic power, beneficiary to the United States, or they are located close to rogue nations or superpowers that are not so friendly with the U.S., or both. The strategic placement of personnel within these regions allows the military to move swiftly if a situation were to arise that would require the United States' armed forces, helping to counter any and all threats to the country and its allies.

Lastly, history tends to repeat itself. The United States' isolationist attitude prior to World War II saw the domination of Nazi Germany over Europe and the near defeat of Great Britain, as well as the unchecked expansion of Japan into China and Southeast Asia. The U.S.' unwillingness to act against the Axis powers brought the war to its doorstep with the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, bringing over 3,500 casualties with it and forcing the U.S. to enter World War II.

Similarly, the U.S.' dismissive attitude toward Al Qaeda and international terrorism in the 1990's led to the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 and the infamous attack on 9/11. This once again forced the U.S. to take action, with the nation declaring a "War on Terror." International defense, as this is meant to demonstrate, proves that the U.S.' interest starts where the conflict begins and that to protect the borders, it must immediately project itself to deal with any and all international threats.

Ultimately, the debate is still heated and both sides have valid points and arguments. Overall, it would seem that the United States has a vested interest in maintaining its military network all over the world in order to protect itself as a nation and help it grow, despite the distance the bases may be from the shores. With globalization continuing to grow, foreign conflicts are becoming more and more important for the U.S. to solve in order to protect the advancement of its economy and to prevent the deaths of potentially thousands of innocent individuals, both American and foreign.

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Bingo with a Cause

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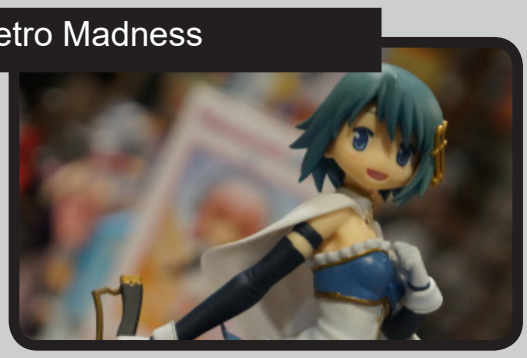
Go online to learn more about the Bingo event sponsored by the University's Counseling Services and how well it was received as well as how students liked it.

Metro Madness



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Metrocon, an event held annually, is a gathering place of geek, pop, and nerd culture. Panels and booths are set up all throughout the Tampa Convention Center and held throughout the day for perusal.

America's Taxes

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Are the top 1% of Americans paying their due in taxes or are they not paying enough? When it comes to the argument about taxes and who should pay what, things can get a bit tricky. Go online to read more!

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Campus News

Dive Right In

By Emily Kochanski
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Starting on Aug. 31, tropical storm Hermine slowly began to tear its way through Pasco County as it swept across the state of Florida. But Saint Leo students and members of CAB refused to let a little rain put a damper on their fun; the evening Dive-In movie continued as planned.

Rather than cancel the event, the 8:30 p.m. screening of "The Shallows," originally planned to be poolside, was moved indoors to the SCC Boardrooms. Despite the fact that the event had been changed drastically, a surprising number of students still attended.

"We were actually expecting a lot less people because of the nasty weather," said Kira Parisi, computer science major and marketing chair for CAB's e-board. "But there seemed to be more people than there were chairs, which was a good sign."

Some members of CAB feared that the event would not be as exciting for students without the added element of the pool.

"The pool was supposed to add a little more fun, the feature being a shark movie and all," said Parisi. "But I think the students still had a good time."

Upon arriving, students helped themselves to free food, drinks, and beach towels emblazoned with the University's mascot. Shortly after the film got underway, a food truck arrived outside and welcomed hungry patrons who had not already gotten their fill inside.

"Honestly, I'm just here for the free towel and food," said Jennifer Fields, a criminal justice major, as she took her place in line. "Last year they had mini cheesecakes!"

Most students were excited to see "The Shallows," but there were a few who were not enthralled with the idea of watching a stranded surfer girl face off against a great white shark for an hour and a half.

"Last year they screened 'Jurassic World'," said Shawn Boyle, a multimedia management major. "If it were another film like that, I'd be a little more excited. Right now, I'm mostly looking forward to seeing my friends."

Overall, the event achieved its purpose. Despite the dismal weather outside and the change in location, students had a fun and relaxing evening snuggling up under their beach towels, munching on free chicken tenders, and watching Blake Lively kick a killer shark's tailfin.

"The Shallows" will be available on DVD for all to enjoy later this month.

Photo by Emily Kochanski

Students were served tasty pink concoctions in collectible CAB cups. The drink, composed of Sprite, pink lemonade, and pineapple juice, was a tropical twist on the classic Shirley Temple.

Photo by Emily Kochanski

Towels make good blankets too! Cozying up with good friends makes any movie night fun.

Photo by Emily Kochanski

Keeping up with the poolside theme, students were offered free towels upon arrival. When all seating became full, attendees put their towels to good use by making themselves a front row seat on the floor in true beach goer fashion.

Photo by Emily Kochanski

Students helped themselves to a buffet of chicken tenders and an assortment of dipping sauces.

Campus News

Raising Hands Both Inside and out of Classrooms

By Denzel Williams
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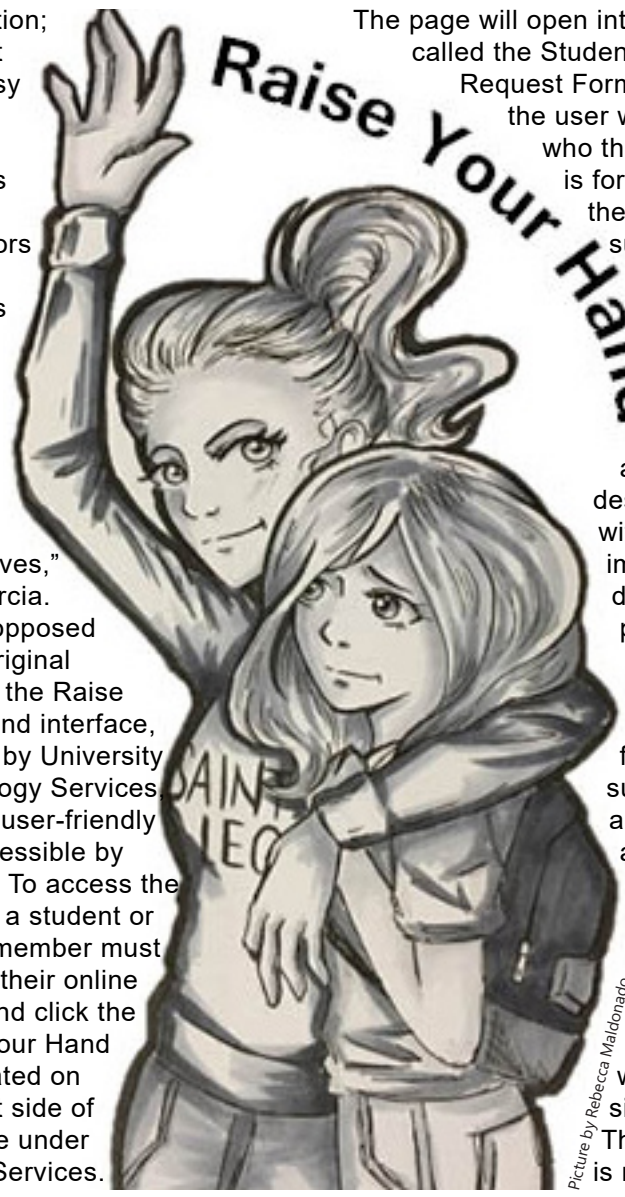
Following the summer of 2015, Saint Leo's First-Year Experience (FYE) team gave all students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to raise their hand and speak out with the new Raise Your Hand program.

"Whether it be a student struggling to balance workload, or a maintenance worker expressing a concern for a student, the Raise Your Hand program gives anyone an opportunity to raise a hand for themselves or anyone else," said Jen Garcia, Director of FYE. "The goal was to give not only students but any and everyone an easier way to get an important message or concern out."

The program is a replacement for the original Success Alert system, a program with a similar aim to reach out to students who might be struggling in an area and in turn help with retention rate of students. However, the system was not very successful and a bit difficult to work with.

"The original Success Alert system just had a lot of generic information; it wasn't very easy to use for both students or professors and students couldn't ask for help themselves," said Garcia.



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As opposed to the original system, the Raise Your Hand interface, created by University Technology Services, is more user-friendly and accessible by anyone. To access the system, a student or faculty member must log into their online portal and click the Raise Your Hand link located on the right side of the page under Online Services. The page will open into what's called the Student Advocate Request Form. There, the user will select who the request is for and the subject surrounding the request. They may also type a brief description with of any important details pertaining to the request. Once the form is submitted, a student advocate is notified and will reach out to the student and help with his/her situation. The program is run out of FYE but works with the University's Residence Life and Counseling & Disability services to make sure that the students receives help from the right department.

So far, the program has been a success.

"Several students are going in and filling out the form for themselves, which is great despite the program has not been promoted much," said Garcia. "It's also just so much easier for faculty to raise a hand for a student as well, whether they have an academic or personal concern for a student."

The program was originally created with the thought of first year students in mind, but the FYE team is planning to raise the awareness of the service to all students who may need help or have general questions on a subject.

The Raise Your Hand program allows for students and staff to not only state their concern but more importantly get a response. Students who are in need are finding the program a great benefit. Encouraging care and concern for others, it is hopeful that the system will continue to grow.

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Obituary

A World of Pure Imagination: The Life of Gene Wilder

By Emily Kochanski
Campus News Editor

Photo from @CNN

Despite some successful roles beforehand, it was Wilder's portrayal of Willy Wonka that was his claim to fame.

To some, the name Gene Wilder would not ring any bells, unless followed up with a second moniker: Willy Wonka. The legendary actor who portrayed the quirky candy man died on Aug. 29.

Wilder has been off the screen and out of the limelight for nearly 25 years. At the age of 83 he died due to complications from Alzheimer's disease, a condition that he'd kept well hidden from the rest of the world. He died surrounded by his loving family and listening to the gentle notes of one of his favorite songs, Ella Fitzgerald's rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Born Jerome Silberman, Wilder's big-screen career began in 1967 when he appeared in "Bonnie and Clyde" as the infamous duo's nervous hostage. One year later, the role of Leo Bloom in Mel Brooks' hit "The Producers" turned him into a comedy star. That was also Wilder's first collaboration with Brooks. He would later work closely with Brooks again for two of his biggest and most beloved films, "Blazing Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein." After landing the coveted role of Willy Wonka in the 1971 classic "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Wilder's career took a short dive when he appeared in flop after flop. It was later resurrected in 1972 when director Woody Allen offered him a role in one of the vignettes in his film "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask)." The film was a hit and Wilder was back on top.

Shortly after reestablishing his cinematic career, Wilder began writing the script for what would become one of the most successful comedies of time, "Young Frankenstein." Wilder's role as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein (pronounced Fronkensteen), as well as his lovable cast of silly companions (Marty Feldman as Igor and Peter Boyle as the Creature), still delight audiences of all ages to this very day. While the "Young Frankenstein" script was still in its early stages, a desperate Mel Brooks offered Wilder another memorable role, that of the Waco Kid in the western comedy "Blazing Saddles."

In the years that followed, Wilder wrote, directed, and starred in a number of lesser known works; some of them hits, some of them not. Even when his career was suffering, his personal and family life always brought him great happiness.

Behind his deadpan wit and sad blue eyes beat the heart of a true romantic. His deep love for his third wife, former "Saturday Night Live" star Gilda Radner. In May of 1989, Radner lost a grueling battle with ovarian cancer. Wilder was devastated. Out of his grief came years of research that led him to establish the Gilda Radner Hereditary Cancer Program, which provided health screenings to high risk patients in hopes of preventing misdiagnoses like the one that eventually cost his beloved Gilda her life.

In 1991, Wilder appeared in his final film, "Another You," alongside good friend and fellow comedian, Richard Pryor. The two had collaborated several times in the past on films such as the 1980 comedy "Stir Crazy" and 1989's "See No Evil, Hear No Evil." It was on the set of the latter that he met Karen Webb, who he married soon thereafter.

After stepping down from the big screen, Wilder took on a handful of television projects, including NBC's adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland" and two mystery movies. He also guest starred in the popular sitcom "Will and Grace" as Will's boss, Mr. Stein. The two guest appearances were enough to earn him a Primetime Emmy Award.

In 2005, Wilder released his memoir "Kiss Me Like a Stranger" and, in the following years, two novels. In 2013, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, the disease that would eventually claim his life.

The beloved actor's work will undoubtedly still bring a smile to the faces of future generations when they, their children, or grandchildren watch "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory' or "Young Frankenstein" for the first time. Wilder is survived by his wife Karen and daughter Katherine.

Actor Jim Carrey put it best when, upon hearing of Wilder's death, he tweeted "If there's heaven, he has a golden ticket."

Photo from @EW

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Dr. Frederick Frankenstein brings his creation (Peter Boyle) to life in "Young Frankenstein."

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In Woody Allen's "Everything...," Wilder played a doctor who falls head over heels with his patient's girlfriend...a sheep.

Photo from @CNN

Wilder as the Waco Kid (opposite Cleavon Little) in "Blazing Saddles."

Arts & Entertainment

Pros and Cons of Pokémon Go

By Austin Chiavaroli
Campus News Editor

Ever since the summer of 2016, the company Niantic's phone app "Pokémon Go" has become a popular game spanning around the globe. With individual's phones being able to locate and capture the fictional creatures known as Pokémon, it's no wonder this game has piqued the interest of so many people. However, even with its popularity, this game has many pros and cons. While some are little issues that can be fixed with time, others can be very dangerous to players.

First, the positive aspects of "Pokémon Go" help individuals both socially and non-socially.

The Game is Bringing Families Closer Together

Since "Pokémon Go" is a phone app, it is bringing different generations of people together to try and capture Pokémon. Parents and children are going out for walks looking for Pokémon, and even some elderly are playing the game with their grandchildren. Adults that weren't very interested in the Pokémon craze from the 1990s, are now finding out why the youth from back then loved the franchise so much.

Socializing with the Community

Not only are families coming together due to this phone app, but "Pokémon Go" players are also meeting each other. Through special landmarks called Pokéstops, players can get items for their game causing them to stop, chat, and compare their Pokémon. With this happening everywhere, more friendships are being made as more members of the community are meeting each other.

It is Causing People to Become More Active

The main point of "Pokémon Go" is to get up, go outside, and find Pokémon in the world. This has had a very positive effect on the issue of people not getting enough exercise and outdoor activity. With individuals now going on "Pokéwalks" with their friends and family, and even family drives to parks and beaches to look for new Pokémon, people are getting outside more and getting a decent amount of daily exercise.

Finding New Places

With people traveling to different places in search of new Pokémon to capture, the possibility of coming across places they have never been before is high. With these new discoveries people can find new restaurants, secret coves, cool looking statues, and more.

It's a Nice Little Break Away From Life

Like most games, playing "Pokémon Go" is a good way to relieve stress and take a little break from the world. Whether at work or even at school, if people can play responsibly, they can have a good break in between classes or work shifts.

While these pros show that "Pokémon Go" has a lot of good things going for it, there have still been some major cons that can put a damper on the game.

The Multiple Amounts of Glitches and Crashes

One of the worst thing a new player can experience is throwing a pokeball at a high leveled or ultra-rare Pokémon only to have the ball stop twitching when it has the Pokémon inside. This has happened to a lot of people who play the app, making it frustrating and confusing to newer players. While Niantic has tried to stop these glitches from happening, they still occur fairly often, making the game rather difficult to play.

False Pokestops/ Dangerous Strangers

"Pokémon Go" has a lot of innocence and charm to it, but it wasn't long for people to start using the app for criminalizing players. Some situations have occurred in the past few months where players have been tricked into going to Pokéstops that are isolated from others to be robbed of their belongings and threatened. While this isn't a common thing to find happening, it is advised that players travel with friends or family and be cautious of the surroundings they are heading towards at night.

The Lack of Variety in Pokemon

While the game has people

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Photo from twitter@PokemonGoNews

Individuals of all ages are playing the phone app Pokémon Go and are having fun catching Pokémon in many different locations.

In Remembrance of 9/11

The Lions' Pride Newspaper staff want to pay our respects to the people taken from this world on September 11, 2001 and to pay homage to the brave men and women who rescued so many more.

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Pros and Cons of Pokemon Go

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One of the many features of Pokemon Go that users find interesting is the use of the phone's camera to make Pokemon seem as though they were actually present in the real world.

leaving their homes in search of Pokémon, it is kind of frustrating to find that there aren't many different kinds around large areas. The two Pokémon, Pidgey and Rattata, being the most common around suburban areas and cities, causing players to ponder about the lack of variety. With 151 Pokémon being available to be able to choose and capture from, there should be more different kinds running around than the same Pokémon over and over again. Niantic hasn't announced anything about other Pokémon from the franchise becoming available for capture but fans are waiting in anticipation for more types of Pokémon to catch soon.

Deaths or Near Deaths from Lack of Observation

"Remember to be alert at all times. Stay aware of your surroundings." This prompt shows up every time a player starts a game to remind the player to be aware and cautious of where they are going. However, even with this warning, there have still be some, while few, occurrences where people have fallen off cliffs, into lakes, and have almost been hit be on speeding vehicles while playing the game. While the players are more at fault for not heeding the warning and using common sense, the game has gotten a lot of skeptical eyes for these occurrences. Niantic have retaliated this issue by putting in more prompts to stop these instances from happening in the future.

The Game Drains Phone Battery

Eating battery life like it was a five star meal, "Pokémon Go" drains players' phones quickly before they have even got a chance to capture many Pokémon. One hour of playing can bring a phone's battery down to a quarter of life. This issue is caused mostly from the usage of the AR mechanic that allows the app to use the phones camera to make it look like the Pokémon the player is catching is in the real world. Another reason it drains battery life so fast is the apps usage of the phones GPS system to track where the player is. While this issue can be fixed by bringing along a phone power bank, it's an issue that Niantic still has not found a solution to yet.

With the pros and cons laid out, "Pokémon Go" is still entertaining and a blast to take out and play from time to time. As long as players are cautious, and use common sense they should have no issues. All in all, get out there and go catch 'em all!

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